



Minimum Physical Plant Standards for PHYSICIAN OWNED – SINGLE SPECIALTY AMBULATORY ENDOSCOPY TREATMENT CENTERS

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE CLINICAL PORTION OF A PHYSICIAN OWNED – SINGLE SPECIALTY AMBULATORY ENDOSCOPY TREATMENT CENTER ARE NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW.

THE ENDOSCOPY SUITE

The Endoscopy Suite shall be arranged to prohibit non related traffic through the suite and shall be designed to move the patient from reception to pre-op, procedure, recovery and finally to discharge. The Endoscopy suite shall be physically separated from the clinical portion of the office by walls in accordance with N.F.P.A. 101 (one hour firewall may be required) and shall include all of the following spaces:

- _____ 1) A **Waiting Room** shall be provided for the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center separate from the clinical waiting room. Access to a public Toilet shall be provided. A covered entrance for pick up of patients after their procedure is recommended.
- _____ 2) **Pre-Operative preparation room(s).** (Exam and waiting space for patients prior to surgery.)
 - a) Staff work counter with handwashing facilities.
 - b) Patient cubicles with privacy curtains or individual rooms. (Minimum recommended size of 80 S.F.).
 - c) Patient dressing area and toilet shall be convenient to Pre-Op and may be shared with PACU.
- _____ 3) **Endoscopy Room(s).**
 - a) Minimum recommended clear dimensions of 12'-0" x 15'-0"
 - b) A work counter with handwashing fixture shall be provided in each procedure room.
 - c) Floor covering shall be monolithic, joint free with an integral base.
 - d) HVAC design shall comply with the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities.
- _____ 4) **Recovery room,** (May be combined with Pre-Op) Shall contain the following areas.
 - a) Staff work counter with handwashing facilities.
 - b) Patient cubicles with a minimum recommended size of 80 S.F. per patient exclusive of work and circulation space.
 - c) Individual rooms shall be a minimum of 120 S.F. and shall contain handwashing facilities.
 - d) Medication preparation station.
 - e) Nourishment station.
 - f) Patient dressing area and toilet shall be convenient to recovery and may be shared with Pre-Op.
 - g) A step-down recovery lounge may be provided for those patients requiring additional recovery time prior to discharge. Handwashing facilities and a Patient toilet shall be provided.
- _____ 5) **Staff toilet(s), Changing room(s) and Lounge** shall be provided and may be shared with the clinical portion of the office if conveniently located.
- _____ 6) An **Instrument Processing Room** shall be provided and ideally be located between two procedure rooms. One Processing room may serve several procedure rooms and shall contain the following:
 - a) Utility sink(s) as appropriate to the method of decontamination used.
 - b) One freestanding handwashing station.
 - c) Work counters and space for automatic endoscope cleaners, sonic processor and flash sterilizer (where required).
 - d) This room shall be under constant negative air pressure with a minimum of 10 air changes per hour and all air exhausted to the outside.
 - e) Provision shall be made for compressed air and vacuum outlets as appropriate to the cleaning methods used.
 - f) Floor covering shall be monolithic, joint free with an integral base.
 - g) Storage of instruments after decontamination shall be provided outside of the instrument processing room.
- _____ 7) Enclosed **Storage** facilities for sterile supplies and equipment shall be provided.
- _____ 8) A **Housekeeping** room shall be provided for the exclusive use of the surgical suite.
- _____ 9) Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing systems shall comply with Section 9.5.I, 9.5.J, 9.5.K & 9.5.L of the 2001 edition of the "Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities."

These standards have been compiled with reference to the following sources.

Rules and Regulations Chapter 290-5-33 Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers

(Please contact the Health Care Section of the Office of Regulatory Services at (404) 657-5550 for a copy.)

Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities 2001 Edition

(As published by the American Institute of Architects.)

Interpretive guidelines and survey procedures - Ambulatory Surgical Services

(As published by Medicare)